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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reservation policy of the Government is being implemented in Defence Services in totality and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes in accept the claims of the members of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) and other reserved classes in Defence services; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (c): There is no reservation in recruitment in the Armed Forces. Recruitment in the Armed Forces is based on merit and is open to all citizens irrespective of class, caste, community, region or religion. Nature of operational and administrative challenges under which the armed forces function precludes reservation for recruitment in the armed forces.
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